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AARA CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 4th, the AARA General Meeting will be held at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, Louisiana. This will be our annual Christmas Party. Meeting time will be at 7:00 PM, VE Testing will be at 6:00 PM.

All members are asked to bring a covered dish if possible. The club will furnish the main entrée (turkey) and soft drinks. This will be social gathering, very little business to take place.

Let us remember that we have a lot to be thankful for this year. Two very severe hurricanes paid our area visits over the past year with minimal loss of property and no loss of life or injuries to our members, however others in our Gulf Coast areas suffered great losses and are still in the process of getting back on their feet.

Also we had a few of our members who have undergone major medical problems and are making great improvements with each day. Nick Pugh K5QXJ is one making a GREAT recovery, it sure is nice to see him *driving* to Lunch Bunch and back to work. Another one to mention is John Martin, who is still recovering from a bout with cancer and it looks like he has it whipped, doctor reports are looking good. BTW, John has a new vanity call...his old call KA5BSE has now been replaced with his new call W5SE...Congratulations John!

Enough said, so come out and enjoy the fellowship & "GREAT" food at the Dec. 4th meeting!

Nominating Committee

At the November General Meeting, our President Charlie KI5XP, selected a nominating committee to select those persons interested in running for club officers for 2009-2010. John Martin KA5BSE was selected as committee chairman to preside over the committee which are: Archie W5AG, Sandy KE5KJF and Herman KN5GRK. If you are interested in running for President, V-President, Secretary, or Treasurer, contact one of the above persons to put your hat in the ring.

Time to get your 2009—2010 Club dues to Mrs. Joy Breaux N5YCS - AARA Treasurer!.

Children's Museum Ham Class Update

Amateur Radio Tech Classes began with registration on Thursday, October 2nd with classes on each Thursday in October at 6:00 PM and the first two Thursdays in November.

The last class was held on November 13th with 12 students (100% attendance). After the Safety class, we broke up into two groups to practice tests on *QRZ.com*. The results were good. We expect all 12 students will be there next Thursday, November 20th to take the Tech Exam. After the test, the parents and students will be presented a small remembrance by the CMA and their attendance and exam passed on to their respectful teacher.

Instructors for the last class were: Roland NA5Q, Charlie KI5XP and Larry KE5KJD. Nick K5QXJ was unable to attend.

The Children's Museum of Acadiana held a VE test session on Thursday, November 20th, 2008 for those that attended the above classes. There were twelve candidates for the Technician class license. Five of them passed the exam and earned their Technician license and following calls:

They are:

Ancel Aispuro KE5YGX, and Andre Clay KE5YGY of Lafayette. Joseph Barras KE5YGZ, and Ryan Barras KE5YHA of Carencro. Ethan Smith KE5YHB of Youngsville.

The VE's were:
Danny Griffith K5ARH, Rick Breaux N5RLM, Greg Dolan K5LFT, Rolasnd Guidry NA5Q & Archie Hill W5AG

DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday December 4th @ 7:00 PM
 Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
 VE Testing @ 6:00 pm - Door Prizes - Refreshments

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Minden, Louisiana—December 20, 2008
 Hammond, Louisiana—January 17, 2009

Local 2-Meter Nets

Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 Lafayette, LA

Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 Lafayette, LA
 Acadia Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
 147.240 pl 127.3 Crowley, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
 145.370 - 600 PL 103.5
 YL/XYL / Filly Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Vermillion Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
 147.060 Abbeville, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
 146.820 Lafayette, LA

AARA OFFICERS 2008-2009

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Vice Pres - Dick Melcher WA6MDI

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Cajun Cup 10K Run

Downtown Lafayette, November 8, 2008

John KA5BSE and Calvin KD5JCT delivered the AMOS Van and generator to the usual location on Jefferson Street across from the old Federal Building and Post Office around 6:30 AM. Randy N5MLJ (Event Chairperson) showed up about the same time with the "T" shirts to be passed out to the volunteers. At this time the volunteers picked out their station positions around the race course. Larry KE5KJD and Sandy KE5KJF had went by the bakery and picked up some doughnuts for the crew while Maureen KB5SMX made some coffee in the van. Around 7:20 everyone dispersed to their designated spots. The race kicked off at 8:05 AM.

John KA5BSE was stationed at the Start/Finish Line to receive reports on the race progress to the race officials. Reports were as to which male and female were in lead as they passed the mile markers and any emergencies that needed to be reported (none this time).

After the race, all were invited to Parc San Souci near the Children's Museum of Acadiana for free refreshments.



CALVIN, IRMA, HERMAN & MAUREENA

Those that helped this year were: John KA5BSE & Maureen KB5SMX, Jim N5NVP & Irma KE5UPK, Larry KE5KJD & Sandy KE5KJF, Ralph WB5GAF & Phoebe KC5VRN, Calvin KD5JCT, Randy N5MLJ, Greg K5LFT, Mike KE5AWZ, Archie W5AG, and Herman KN5GRK.

Following the Cajun Cup 10K Run, some of our members went to the Lafayette Parish EOC to operate the two ham stations for SkyWarn Recognition Day. Band conditions were not very good at this time and very few contacts were made in between the QSO Parties going on over the weekend. Operations were cut short.

Bill Vincent (Director of the Lafayette Parish EOC) was there and welcomed our group with open arms and appreciated the guys and gals for showing up. Bill did make a request of those that check in on the 145.370 SkyWarn repeater and that request was that when we check in to let the NCS know which of the five receivers we are using. He would like to know if there is any problems concerning these receivers placed around Lafayette Parish. A report was sent to Bill on Tuesday evening, November 11th indicating that they were all working at that time.

Those that showed up for this event were:

John KA5BSE, Maureen KB5SMX, Larry KE5KJD & Sandy KE5KJF, Archie W5AG and Herman KN5GRK.

Also, on Tuesday November 18th John Martin KA5BSE went to the Lafayette EOC to check out the newly installed Mosley TA-33 tri-band yagi and Ham IV antenna rotator. The SWR on 10/15/20 meters checked out very good.



RANDY - N5MLJ



SKYWARN

Children's Museum of Acadiana Fundraiser

On **Wednesday, December 31, 2008**, the CMA's will hold its twelfth New Year's Noon fundraiser celebration from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The Carnival will consist of 12 outside booths, as well as the existing exhibits housed inside the CMA. There will also be several ball drops located inside the museum. The \$5.00 per person admission fee includes entrance to the museum for the New Year's Noon festivities and the ball drop. Participation in the outside Carnival is ticketed using .25 cent tickets for various activities and food. Outside Carnival Count Down booths are as follows:

Festive Face Painting
 High Striker
 Fishing Booth
 Mad Hatter
 Bongo Drums
 Plinko Game
 Washer Toss
 Fabulous Jewelry
 NYN Lariats

Bean Bag Toss
 Hoop Shot
 Spin Art
 Royal Nails by Aveda
 Kiddie Cuisine (cookies, sandwiches, Frito pies, drinks, & popcorn)

**NEW YEAR'S
 NOON
 AND CARNIVAL
 COUNTDOWN
 WED—DEC. 31,
 2008**

At this time, the CMA is looking for individuals, companies, clubs, or businesses that would like to support this year's fundraising festivities. There will be three (3) levels of sponsorship offered:

1) \$575.00 sponsorship includes:

- ◆ Your name or company's name will be on all publicity.
- ◆ Your name or company's name will be displayed on a carnival booth.
- ◆ The CMA will staff your booth.
- ◆ The CMA will purchase 500 safe prizes or craft materials for your booth.

2) \$250.00 sponsorship includes:

- ◆ Your name or company's name will be on all publicity.
- ◆ Your name or company's name will be displayed on a carnival booth.
- ◆ Your organization\business will staff your booth.
- ◆ You will be responsible for the purchase of 500 child safe prizes or craft materials for your booth. **Before ordering, all prizes must be approved by CMA for child safety.**

3) \$2,000.00 signature sponsorship includes:

- ◆ Your name or company's name will be on all publicity.
- ◆ Your name or company's name will appear on an outside banner for up to 2 months before the event and inside during the event. Company must supply banners.
- ◆ Your company will receive 50 passes to the CMA.
- ◆ Your company will receive 5 Basic Family Memberships.

Anyone wanting to purchase their prizes through the museum store, The Peek Inside, please contact Abigail Hebert at (337) 232-8500 to make arrangements.

If you have any questions, please call the
 CMA-Marvita Hudson at (337) 232-8500.

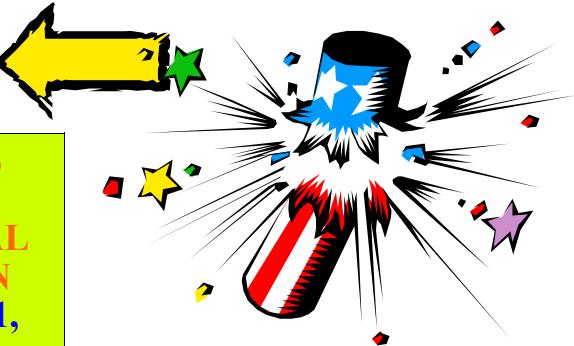
DEADLINE FOR SPONSORSHIP IS

DECEMBER 15, 2008!!!!!!

Please join in the fun and be a part of the Children's Museum of Acadiana's

**New Year's Noon
 and
 Carnival Countdown
 P.S. The CMA has added 2 new ball drops.**

It would be nice if we could get some of our club members to operate the CMA K5CMA Amateur Radio Station during this event.



We will discuss this at the December General Meeting. Do try to attend this Christmas Party Meeting.

NOVEMBER MEETING VE TEST RESULTS

The November 6th meeting VE test session had 7 participants, 6 were students from Eunice High, Electronic I Class. All tested for Technical Class license, passed and received the following licenses.

They are:

Robert J. Gordon of Opelousas - KE5WZK.

Tucker G. Boeniy of Eunice - KE5WZP.

Dominic F. Courville of Eunice - KE5WZM.

Robert A. Morris of Eunice - KE5WZL.

Timothy W. Amiot of Eunice - KE5WZN.

Daniel A. Anding of Eunice - KE5WZJ.

Nickolas A. Streiff of Eunice - KE5WZ

The VE's for this session were:

Danny Griffith K5ARH

Greg Dolan K5LFT

Rick Breaux N5RLM

Charlie Morrison KI5XP

Archie Hill W5AG

ARRL Delta Division Gets New Director & Vice Director

Incumbent ARRL Delta Division Director -- Henry Leggette, WD4Q, of Memphis, Tennessee -- did not seek re-election this term. Two candidates, current Vice Director Karl Bullock, WA5TMC, of Ripley, Mississippi, and former Louisiana Section Manager Mickey Cox, K5MC, of West Monroe, were nominated for this seat. With 1148 votes, Cox was declared the new Delta Division Director; Bullock received 993 votes.



David Norris - K5UZ

With Bullock seeking the Director position, this left the Vice Director position open, with Ariel Elam, K4AAL, of Antioch, Tennessee, and Arkansas Section Manager David Norris, K5UZ, of Batesville, in the hunt for this post. Norris won the seat with 1399 votes, Elam received 746 votes.



Mickey Cox - K5MC



12/09	ROLAND	NA5Q
12/21	JIM	N8OVD
12/22	GERARD	KD5VPC
12/22	BUTCH	K5GLD
12/29	DONALD	KE5RPO
1/01	NICK	K5QXJ
1/05	ARCHIE	W5AG

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership applications, this is why some may not be on the list.

Last Minute Request

Please pass on the attached information regarding the upcoming Pearl River County Amateur Radio Club Hamfest, set for Saturday, December 13th 8:00 am to 3:00 pm in Poplarville, Mississippi to your membership and area hams who might be interested.

We would love to see you all there.

Poplarville is located in northern Pearl River County, Ms. - about 40 miles north of Slidell, La. - and just off I-59.

Larry Wagoner - N5WLW VP - PRCARC - n5wlw@arrl.net
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December 2008 Special Events & Contests

Dec. 5 thru 8	AB5BG — Remembering Pearl Harbor—San Angelo, TX.
Dec. 6	NI6IW —USS Midway CV-41 Radio Room—Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.
Dec. 7	W5KID —USS Kidd Special Event. Baton Rouge, LA.
Dec. 7	WØVFW —Pearl Harbor, Radio Silence at 1855, time of first bomb.
Dec. 13 & 14	W2XMN —75 th Anniversary of the invention of the FM radio.
Dec. 13 thru 15	WX3MAS —Annual Christmas greeting from the Twin Christmas Cities, Nazareth-Bethlehem, PA.
Dec. 18 thru 23	KC5OUR —Celebrating Christmas from Bethlehem (Belan) New Mexico.

Upcoming Events & Contests

January 3, 2009	Kids Day —1800 UTC—2359 UTS.
January 3 & 4, 2009	2009 ARRL RTTY Roundup —1800 UTC Saturday to 2359 UTC Sunday.

Check out the December 2008 QST page 87 for a more detailed listing of Special Events and Contests.

MARA Hamfest

Sponsored by:
Minden Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

Date: December 20th, 2008
Location: Minden Civic Center in downtown Minden, Louisiana
Time: Doors open at 8:00 am

Grand Prizes

1st: Yaesu FT 857 D
2nd: Icom IC 208H dual band mobile
3rd: Yaesu FT 60R dual band HT and a dual band mobile antenna

Coffee, cokes, gumbo, red beans & rice and hamburgers on site. Please come and bring all your members. If you need any more info, please advise.

Dusty N5COL
dusty@bellsouth.net

MARA website:
<http://www.bayou.com/~k5dlh/mara.html>

NOVEMBER ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	3	28	0	70	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	66	0	138	N5LRZ Ray
Acadiana ARES Net	4	24	0	93	N5LRZ Ray
Vermillion Parish ARES Net	4	24	0	47	KE5JXC Arnold
HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	* 7 M / 12 G	0	25	KE5JKD Larry

Lagniappe . . . is something thrown in, gratis, for good measure.

--Mark Twain.

AARA - Memorial Scholarship Fund

A board meeting was held after the November 6th General Meeting, a motion was made and approved by the board members present to allocate \$100.00 to the Memorial Scholarship Fund. It may have to be approved by the club membership at the next meeting before it is completely certain, but it looks pretty good it will pass.

The ARRL Foundation administers scholarships for post secondary education students holding a valid FCC-granted Amateur Radio license. Scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$5000 or more and are available to high school seniors (or equivalent) or students currently enrolled in a college or university.

Scholarships are funded by generous individuals and Amateur Radio organizations to encourage radio amateurs to pursue their educational goals.

All ARRL Foundation-administered scholarships are intended exclusively for educational use, to provide assistance with costs of tuition, room, board, books and/or other fees essential to the education of the recipient.

Herman
KN5GRK

CQ COMMUNICATIONS ACQUIRES WORLD RADIO MAGAZINE

(Hicksville, NY and Sacramento, CA, November 12, 2008)

CQ Communications, Inc. has acquired WorldRadio magazine, CQ Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA and WorldRadio Publisher Armond Noble, N6WR, announced jointly today. CQ, based in Hicksville, New York, currently publishes CQ Amateur Radio, CQ VHF and Popular Communications magazines.

WorldRadio, based in Sacramento, California, has been published monthly since July, 1971, with a primary focus on the human side of ham radio. CQ, a general-interest ham radio magazine best known for its support of DXing and contesting, has been in print since January, 1945.

Armond Noble, N6WR, Publisher of WorldRadio, said that at the age of 74 the time had come for him to retire. "I wanted to be sure that WorldRadio found a good home, and that our readers would continue to be served by an independent voice in amateur radio," Noble said.

CQ Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, said, "WorldRadio has filled an important niche in our

hobby for nearly four decades. We welcome WorldRadio's readers to the CQ family, and we look forward to meeting their needs for many years to come."

Current plans call for WorldRadio to continue to be published online as part of the CQ family of magazines, with Editor Nancy Kott, WZ8C, continuing in that position. WorldRadio subscribers will also have their subscriptions transferred to CQ magazine. Readers will be notified of details as plans are finalized.

Fred Lloyd, AA7BQ
Publisher, QRZ.COM
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2008 Field Day Report

The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. using the club call W5DDL came out **first** in Louisiana and Delta Division in class 1A, and **23rd** in the USA.

Check out the December 2008 issue of QST for full Field Day Reports.

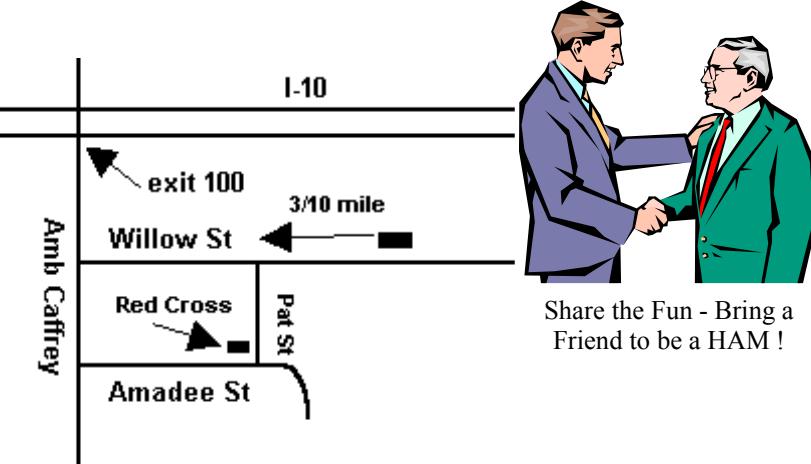
Roland NA5Q



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&
HAPPY NEW YEAR
from
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AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday December 4th, 2008—7:00 PM
Christmas Party Meeting (see inside)
VE Testing at 6:00 PM
Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

**COMPLEMENTARY
ISSUE**

Turkey-Stuffed Peppers

2 Large sweet peppers (yellow, red or green)	1 Clove garlic, minced
1 Teaspoon instant chicken bouillon granules	1 Tablespoon snipped parsley
1 Cup sliced mushrooms	1 Slice Colyb cheese (1 ounce), cut into 4 triangles
Few dashes bottled hot pepper sauce	2 Medium leek, thinly sliced (1/3 cup)
3/4 Cup quick-cooking rice	2 Medium tomatoes, chopped (1 1/2 cups)
1/4 Cup water	1 Tablespoon snipped fresh basil or 3/4 teaspoon dried basil, crushed
	3/4 Pound ground raw turkey

Steps:

1. Halve peppers lengthwise; discard seeds and membrane. Cook peppers, uncovered, in boiling water for 3 to 5 minutes; invert on paper towels to drain well.
2. In a skillet cook ground turkey, leek, and garlic until turkey is brown and leek is tender. Drain off any fat. Stir in chopped tomatoes, mushrooms, uncooked rice, water, parsley, basil, bouillon granules, and hot pepper sauce. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and simmer about 15 minutes or until rice is tender. Place pepper halves in an 8x8x2-inch baking dish. Fill each pepper half with some of the turkey-rice mixture.
3. Bake, covered, in a 350 degree F. oven for 30 to 35 minutes or until heated through. Top each pepper with a cheese triangle. Serve immediately. Makes 4 main-dish servings.

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Send your favorite recipe to:
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FCC LICENSE INFO SERVICE

The FCC toll-free (WATS) number for Amateur Radio license inquiries - including inquiries about vanity and new call signs. The number, 888-225-5322, will connect callers to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at 202-414-1250 or ulscomm@fcc.gov. Web site:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is: Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245